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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Application of Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. for Rate Increase
Docket No. 2016-29-WS Our File: 3125.0032
AND SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. (HIU) submitted an application to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) for review of its water and sewer rates on August 16, 2016. Since that time, the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) reviewed the application, requested and reviewed additional supporting information, inspected the systems, and made adjustments to the financial information of HIU. A written Settlement Agreement was entered into between ORS and HIU and an Intervenor. Additionally, the PSC conducted two hearings - a night hearing on Harbor Island on December 1, 2016 and a merits hearing in Columbia on December 6, 2016. As directed by the PSC at the December 1 hearing, ORS prepared a Joint Proposed Order and has submitted it to the PSC.

Harbor Island Utilities requests that the Commission put the HIU case on the agenda for its January 11, 2017 meeting, and that the Commission approve the Proposed Order at that meeting. Additionally, HIU requests that the Commission issue the Order no later than January 12, 2017.

The reason for this request is to provide additional income as soon as possible to HIU to partially offset the cash flow expenses HIU is currently experiencing from Hurricane Matthew. While the Utility may recover these expenses in its next rate case, it is experiencing a substantial unexpected cash flow issue at this time due to the efforts of Mr. Matthew.

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Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. appreciates the Commission's consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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